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BEGIN SUMMARY: APODETI/ACM FORCES CONTINUE ADVANCE,
INFLECTING CASUALTIES ON FRETILIN UNITS NEAR CAILACAO.
FIRST LARGE GROUP OF REFUGEES RETURNS TO BATUGADE, AND
THERE ARE REPORTS OF UNREST AMONG POPULATION OF FRETILIN-
CONTROLLED AREA. FONMIN MALIK DEPARTED FOR ROME
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OCT 30 FOR TALKS WITH PROTUGUESE. AUSTRALIAN DOCK WORKERS

RESUME BOYCOTT OF INDONESIAN SHIPS. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR HAS, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, INFORMED MALIK THAT "IF REPORTS CONCERNING INDONESIAN INVOLVEMENT IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR ARE CORRECT, GOA WOULD BE VERY DISAPPOINTED." END SUMMARY.

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1. BATTLEFIELD. APODETI/ACM FORCES ADVANCING ON CAILACAO (30 KM FROM DILI) ATTACKED FRETILIN POSITIONS OCT 29 INFLECTING CASUALTIES OF SEVEN KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHERS WOUNDED. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS A NUMBER OF FRETILIN TROOPS HAVE DESERTED TO THE APODETI"ACM SIDE AND ARE NOW FIGHTING AGAINST THEIR ERSTWHILE COMRADES. RADIO FRETILIN DENIED A LISBON REPORT THAT BACAO (85 KM EAST OF DILI) HAD COME UNDER APODETI"ACM CONTROL. MEANWHILE THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF PUBLIC UNREST AND ACTS OF SABOTAGE IN DILI AND OTHER FRETILIN-CONTROLLED AREAS.

2. NEGOTIATIONS. FONMIN MALIK DEPARTED OCT 30 FOR ROME TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE. HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM TO REPORTERS ON DEPARTURE, STATING THAT INDONESIA WILL OFFER PROPOSALS TO SOLVE TIMOR PROBLEMS WHICH HE EXPECTS PORTUGAL WILL CONSIDER AS THEY ARE "ALREADY CLEAR." MALIK SAID GOI WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT DECOLONIZATION BY PEACEFUL MEANS, AND DENIED INDONESIAN INVOLVEMENT IN PT FIGHTING. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TALKS WILL BE HELD ONLY WITH GOP, AS SOLE AUTHORITY ON PT, AND WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON PT REFUGEES IN INDONESIAN TIMOR.

3. INDONESIAN-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS. MAJOR CASUALTY OF PT CONFLICT THIS WEEK WAS INDONESIAN-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS, AS BOYCOTT ON INDONESIAN SHIPPING WAS REIMPOSED OCT 29, THIS TIME BY DOCK WORKERS IN SYDNEY. FONMIN MALIK REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA SHOULD NOT BE MARRED BY PT QUESTION, AND DENIED RADIO AUSTRALIA BROADCAST ACCUSING INDONESIA OF TRYING TO PREVENT VISIT TO PT BY AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATS IN SEARCH OF MISSING AUSTRALIAN TV MEN. THE ALL-INDONESIAN LABOR FEDERATION (FBSI) SENT A TELGRAM TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS OCT 29 ASKING THAT THE FRIENDLY ATTITUDE DEMONSTRATED BY THE LIFTING OF THE BOYCOTT ON THE "GUMUNG TAMBORA" LAST WEEK BE EXTENDED TO ALL SHIPS FLYING THE INDONESIAN FLAG. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER EMIL SALIM

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WARNED OCT 30 THAT THE AUSTRALIANS THEMSELVES WILL BE HARMED BY THEIR ACTION, SINCE AUSTRALIA EXPORTS FAR MORE TO INDONESIA THAN INDONESIA EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA. HE ALSO NOTED THAT MUCH OF AUSTRALIA'S EXPORTS TO INDONESIA AIDED AUSTRALIAN JOINT VENTURES ESTABLISHED HERE, END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

4. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANBERRA AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT INFORMED FONMIN MALIK THAT, "IF REPORTS CONCERNING

INDONESIAN INVOLVEMENT IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR ARE CORRECT, GOA
WOULD BE VERY DISAPPOINTED," ECHOING SPEECH MADE BEFORE
PARLIAMENT BY FONMIN WILLESSEE. AUSTRALINA EMBASSY CONTINUES
TO PRESS GOI FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEATH OF IVE JOUNA-
LISTS AT BALIBO. JUNIOR LEVEL BAKIN (STATE INTELLIGENCE
BODY) OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD AUSTRALIANS IT CERTAIN MEN ARE
DEAD, WHILE SENIOR LEVELS CONTINUE TO STATE THEY HAVE NO
INFORMATION.
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